GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
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CUTTING OF TREES
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there have been reports of felling of trees by certain undesirable elements in different parts of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, Statewise; and

(c) the action taken against the responsible persons?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a),(b) &(c) Checking of illicit cutting of trees is primarily the responsibility of the State Government. Illicit cutting of trees takes place from time to time in the forests in different parts of the country and the cases are dealt with by the State Governments under relevant Acts and rules for the time being inforce. Recently, Ministry has seized about two hundred wagons of timber transported from North Eastern States. Ministry has constituted a Special Investigating Team for investigations, seizure, confiscation and disposal of timber and to fix the responsibility .